
EXPLORING THE MUSEUM

You can help students deepen their experiences at the exhibits. You don't have to be a science expert, just a good explorer!

The Exploratorium is a big place, so don't worry about trying to see the entire museum. Students may retain more if they have time to explore fewer exhibits in more depth.

It's okay to take breaks from concentrated investigations and just enjoy the museum. Let students try an exhibit before they read the exhibit label. Playing is a good way to learn.

Ask students open-ended questions to help them explore. Remember that you don't have to have the answers.

- ***What do you see (hear, feel, smell, etc.)?***
- ***What happens when . . . ?***
- ***Can you find a way to . . . ?***
- ***Does anything surprise you?***
- ***What do you like about this exhibit?***

WORKSHEETS

Written assignments chosen by teachers can help students have a more focused and fulfilling experience at the exhibits.

Encourage students to explore an exhibit before responding to worksheet questions. This will give them a broader perspective of the exhibit. The best responses on worksheets come from the students' own experiences and ideas.

THE THREE RULES

You are responsible for the behavior of your students. Please make sure you always know where your students are and let them know you are available to them. Make sure your students know these three rules:

- 1.** Do not run in the museum.
- 2.** Please enjoy eating lunches outdoors only. In case of inclement weather, an Explainer will help your group find a good place to eat.
- 3.** Chaperones must accompany students into the Store. Check with teachers regarding plans for your group to visit the Store.

LOGISTICS

- Everyone should be wearing a sticker with the name of your school (NO individual names please!) so we can identify you in the museum.
- Please note that we do not store student lunches. Students or chaperones should have a way to carry the lunches during the field trip.
- Restrooms and drinking fountains are located on the main floor south of the Seismic Joint café, near the Information Desk, and near the SEAGLASS Restaurant.
- Lockers are located near the Information Desk, on your right as you approach the Crossroads.
- If a student is lost or injured, notify an Explainer wearing an orange vest, or go to the Information Desk where our First Aid Station is located. Our Lost and Found services are also at the Information Desk.

Thank you for being a great chaperone!

OUR DAY AT THE EXPLORATORIUM

Schedule

Teacher's Top Priority
for the Students Today

Date _____ Arrival Time _____

Lunch Time _____ Lunch Meeting Place _____

Departure Time _____ Departure Meeting Place _____

My Group of Students

1. _____ 6. _____

2. _____ 7. _____

3. _____ 8. _____

4. _____ 9. _____

5. _____ 10. _____

